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Verovius under a mantle of snow was one of the curiosities to be witnessed at Naples.

A Danish engineer recently built a vessel after the lines of Noah's Ark, at Salskjoen, near Copenhagen. It made a craft of 206 tons. It made a trial trip near Copenhagen and proved a good sea boat.

Railroad men, while digging gravel at Black Mt. mountain, near Lincoln, Shoshone county, Cal., recently came upon an immense buried mass of iron, believed to have been there from time immemorial.

The total trade of the Yukon territory for the calendar year 1902, as shown by the customs returns at the ports of Dawson and White Horse, amounted in value to \$12,509,894—imports representing \$1,608,882 and exports \$10,911,212. Of the exports, \$10,324,720 represent gold dust, and but \$586,491 merchandise.

A magazine bearing the happy title, "How To Make Money," has given up the ghost after an existence of just three months. During its lifetime it published beautiful advice and showed that it is so simple to become a millionaire that nobody need be without a fortune. And yet it had to quit business because it lacked funds.

There has been a good demand in North Queensland for bullocks for Manilla, P. I. lately, and an American firm at Manilla is arranging for monthly shipments of live cattle. Poultry is in fourteen hands high and also wanted about 200 per month—but there is some doubt if the right kind of animal is raised in North Queensland.

The German census in Hohenzollern reports that the favorable grain crop of 1902 in Roumania has caused an increase of about 25 per cent. in the purchase of agricultural machinery there as compared with the year before. Austro-Hungarian and English banks of necessity have outbid those of other countries on account of the long credit terms allowed the purchaser.

According to the latest statistics the number of foreign commercial firms in the principal treaty ports and in the large cities of China open to foreigners was 1,297, and the number of foreigners residing there was 20,400. England leads the list with 120 firms and 5,662 persons; Japan comes next with 261 firms and 5,287 persons. The United States has only 114 firms, but 2,542 persons.

The emperor of Russia is in possession of the revenue from the crown domains, consisting of more than a million square miles of cultivated land and forests, besides gold and other mines in Siberia, and producing a vast revenue, the actual amount of which is made in the budgets or finance accounts, the crown domains being considered the private property of the imperial family.

Berlin consumes for municipal purposes (gas works, heating public buildings, etc.) from 25,000 to 30,000 metric tons (of 2,204.6 pounds each) of coal per year, which heretofore has been supplied by the mines in Lower Silesia. The syndicate, however, controlling these mines has raised the price of coal so high that the authorities of the city will draw its coal supplies of 1905 from abroad.

Very little items sometimes get into the legislative hopper. A debt amounting to a penny may be the subject of just as much legislative routine as a debt for \$1,000,000. This was demonstrated recently when Postmaster-General Wynne forwarded to the house 12 pages of deficiency estimates of appropriations aggregating \$3,355. A large portion of the estimates were small amounts due certain postmasters.

London's recently completed Coliseum has the largest theater and stage in the world. Luxurious seating has been provided for 3,000 persons. The stage mechanism is the last work of ingenuity. It consists of revolving tables, on which the scenery will be changed as if by the wand of Prospero, and it is said by their means the race for the Derby can be represented from start to finish. The theater covers an acre and a quarter of ground.

According to statistics gathered by an insurance company in New York, the sum of \$10,000,000 was embezzled in the United States in 1904. These figures are based on cases followed by confession or conviction, or by the disappearance of the guilty one. New York state headed the list with embezzlements amounting to \$1,851,585. California was next with a total of \$1,058,825. Then comes Pennsylvania with the sum of \$987,235. Ohio follows with \$830,208.

## THE WEEK'S NEWS TERSELY OUTLINED

An Epitome of the Most Important  
Events at Home and Abroad  
the Past Week.

### CONGRESS' WORK IN NUTSHELL

Latest Developments in the Russo-Japanese War, Together With Items of Interest Called From the Important Happenings All Over the World.

#### CONGRESS.

Both houses of congress stopped the wheels of legislation to pay tribute to Frances E. Willard, "One of the most eminent women of the United States."

The house passed a resolution sending the statehood bill directly into conference without offering an opportunity for debate.

The senate passed a bill providing for the payment of pensions due inmates of the government hospital for the insane, and one authorizing the establishment of a leprosy hospital in the United States or Philippine islands.

Representative Sullivan, of Massachusetts, explained to the house the circumstances leading up to the conviction of his father and himself of manslaughter, referred to by Mr. Stewart, of New York, during a personal tilt on the floor. He declared that he had been only technically guilty, and was not punished by the court.

A lively tilt occurred on the floor of the house between Representatives Hearst, of New York, and Sullivan, of Massachusetts, in which some decidedly unparliamentary personalities were utilized.

#### THE WAR IN THE FAR EAST.

In the midst of the excitement in St. Petersburg over the assassination of Grand Duke Sergius there came a sudden and noticeable revival of peace talk.

The women of Moscow have memorialized the Russian empress, beseeching her to use her influence for the restoration of peace.

According to the correspondent at Shanghai of the London Daily Telegraph, Gen. Kuropatkin apparently is changing his base from Mukden to Poshun.

The Japanese are actively engaged in salvage operations at Port Arthur, and it is said that 20 vessels will be added to her naval strength as the result. The docks are being repaired to receive the sunken vessels when raised.

The spoils of war at Port Arthur are being gathered up and shipped to Japan as rapidly as facilities can be provided.

Japan has given notice that she will sink colliers of any nation found accompanying Russian warships.

Field Marshal Okuma has received notice that Gen. MacArthur, of the American army, is to join the Manchurian army as an observer.

Increased activity of the artillery along the Japanese front is reported from Gen. Kuroki's headquarters. The recent exceedingly cold weather is giving way to sunshine. The Japanese are said to have withstood the winter's rigors well.

#### GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

Board of trade men and people of all degrees, in St. Louis, have rallied to the assistance of Mrs. Annie Eckman, whose husband died at Pesmu, Mo., seven months ago, leaving her destitute and in showering her with money, bedding and clothing to care for the triplets the stork has just left her.

William Hunt, wanted in Rochester, N. Y., for the murder of George Hickey, when confronted with the Bertillon measurements at Los Angeles, Cal., was compelled to admit that he was the man wanted.

The tatol of Chefoo, China, is said to have secured a confession from members of the crew of a junk that the German and French naval attaches, Gugenheim and Cuverville, at Port Arthur, were murdered and robbed while on their way from Port Arthur to Chefoo.

Earl H. Prince, a Chicago board of trade broker, has been arrested for larceny, on the charge made by clients at Elgin, Ill., that they placed money in Prince's hands to invest and have received no accounting.

By killing 24 out of a possible 25 birds at the Rush House traps at Detroit, Mich., R. B. Bennett, of Pittsburg, Pa., won the title of champion live bird shot of North America and the handsome Gilman and Barnes trophy.

The Colorado house has passed the eight-hour bill amended so as to apply only to what it defines as "dangerous employment" in mines, mills and smelters.

According to a high authority in St. Petersburg the decision has been reached, officially, to proclaim the zemsky sobor on February 22.

The sanitary conditions in the Philippines are in such excellent shape that much of the quarantine restrictions have been removed.

The strike situation in St. Petersburg is again becoming threatening and troops are returning to and patrolling the city.

Twelve buildings were burned at Bryant, S. D., causing a loss of \$60,000. The Japanese government has signified its willingness to sign with the United States a copyright treaty provided it shall not be retroactive.

The Frances E. Willard National Temperance hospital, in Chicago, was formally dedicated with impressive ceremonies.

While going to his private Russian bath in his old official residence in Moscow, on the 17th inst., Grand Duke Sergius, uncle of the czar, was assassinated by means of a bomb thrown and exploded beneath his carriage, between the great bell tower and the Nicholas gate.

A lieutenant and three men were killed and 14 others injured, one of them fatally, by explosions of gasoline on board a British submarine boat at Queenstown, Ireland. The explosions were heard ten miles away. The boat was not seriously damaged.

The Filipino scout battalion has left St. Louis for Port Thomas, near Newport, Ky., where they will remain until they go to Washington to take part in the inauguration parade.

Jay Cooke, the well-known financier of other days, died, rather suddenly, at his home near Philadelphia, of ailments incidental to old age. Few except his closest neighbors knew that he was ill.

The London Daily Express says that the Union Castle line's steamships Rodin Castle, Regin Castle and Dunlop Castle, and the Clan Line's MacPherson, have been sold to a mysterious German firm, presumably for service in the far east.

Bishop McLaren, of Chicago, who has been very ill in New York, is reported worse.

Luiz Eduardo, da Costa Cabral, a millionaire manufacturer of Rio Janeiro, Brazil, died suddenly at the Hotel Bristol, New York city.

A published report that the Allan line steamship Parthenon had foundered at sea, 100 miles from Liverpool, is denied by the agents of the line in Montreal.

The Kansas Oil Producers' association has made an appeal to the president and secretary of the interior, and through them the congress, to remove the oppressive hold of the Standard Oil Co. from their necks.

Gen. Lew Wallace, soldier, diplomat and litterateur, died at his home in Crawfordsville, Ind., on the night of the 15th inst., aged 78 years. The general's health had been waiting for several years.

The Missouri senate defeated a bill to allow witnesses who testify in bribery prosecutions against themselves to be exempt from prosecution. The measure was regarded as unconstitutional.

Henry Louchinger, a well-known saloon man and sport, shot and fatally wounded F. B. Cooper, an employee of the Bell Telephone Co., who went to Louchinger's saloon at St. Joseph, Mo., to collect a bill.

A drunken Indian went on the war path 20 miles south of Tonopah, Nev., killed three squaws and a buck and fled to the mountains, with a posse of Indians in pursuit.

George Gary Soule, a wealthy retired banker, died suddenly, from congestion of the brain, at his home in Plainfield, Mich., on receipt of the news of his son's death at Spokane, Wash.

The members of the Commercial club of Chicago who went to Cuba have returned enthusiastic over the possibilities of the new republic and their generous treatment.

The work of the international commission on the Dogger bank affair with the exception of rendering a decision, is practically closed. It is expected that some days will elapse before a decision is reached.

A company has been formed, in which Illinois capital is largely interested, to establish an independent oil refinery at Chanute, Kas., for which ground will be broken as soon as the "oil" bills now before the Kansas legislature are passed and signed.

Col. George Pritchard, solicitor general of New Mexico, has challenged Senator Burrows, of Michigan, to prove the truth of his assertion that New Mexico is "a breeding ground of polygamy."

Robert Ball, under arrest at Juneau Alaska, for the murder of William Deppie, on Fox island, on January 2 is alleged to be Charles R. Mains, an attorney, formerly of Battle Creek Mich.

The federal grand jury at Portland Ore., has returned another indictment against Senator Mitchell, Congressman Williamson, Blumer Herman and others, charging conspiracy to defraud the government out of 500,000 acres of public lands.

President Roosevelt was the guest of honor at the Lincoln dinner of the Republican club of New York city, and delivered an address on the race problem, in which he urged the men of the north to view their brothers of the south with greater leniency on account of the conditions which surrounded them.

## SUNDAY EPIDEMIC OF COSTLY FIRES

Indianapolis Leads With a Loss of a Million and a Half.

### THREE HOTELS ARE INCLUDED

The Best of the Burned Buildings Housed Large Wholesale Concerns—The Union Station Was Menaced.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 20.—For four hours Sunday night the wholesale district, bounded by Georgia and Meridian streets, Jackson place and the Union depot sheds, were menaced by a fire which started in the wholesale warehouses of the Fahmley & McCrea Millinery Co.

At 9:50 o'clock three alarms brought into action every fire company in the city and suburbs. When the fire was finally brought under control eight buildings, among which were three hotels, had been completely destroyed, causing a loss estimated at \$1,500,000.

One fireman was hurt by falling walls.

Firebrands fell in a perfect storm over the business portion of the city and on every building were stationed companies of men equipped with apparatus, and their united efforts succeeded in preventing a general conflagration.

In the A. Kiefer Drug Co.'s warehouse, where many barrels of oil and explosives were stored, and in the Delmetech company's wholesale house, where a large stock of fireworks were hoisted, several serious explosions occurred.

The west wall of the Fahmley & McCrea millinery house, which faces on Jackson place, across from the Union station, fell within thirty minutes after the fire started. One fireman sustained a broken leg in the rush to escape from a perilous position near the falling walls.

Hundreds of spectators who thronged the space in front of the Union station narrowly escaped death or serious injury.

Within a few minutes the east wall fell across Meridian street, completely blocking traffic, but no one was injured. The flames, which spread across Louisiana street, were communicated to the roof of the Union station train sheds, and for several minutes the efforts of the firemen were centered in that direction.

The fire, which was one of the most spectacular in the history of the city, was under full headway before an alarm was sounded. The first intimation of a fire was received when a watchman saw the windows on the second and third floors of the east front of Fahmley & McCrea's building burst open, allowing sheets of flame to escape into Meridian street.

Simultaneously the flames broke out in Jackson place, which bounds the Fahmley & McCrea building on the west. Almost instantly the flames were communicated to the St. Nicholas hotel, and the Griffiths Brothers millinery house, in Jackson place, and the Savoy hotel in Louisiana street.

The occupants of the hotel, many of whom had not retired, escaped with no injury.

Repeated explosions in the burning section sent skyward a veritable storm of burning embers, which, fanned by a stiff breeze from the southeast, were carried into the big retail district, where they fell still burning upon the roofs of the principal business houses.

Within 45 minutes several buildings in the threatened district had been totally destroyed, and the attention of the firemen was centered in an effort to prevent the spread of the flames to the warehouses of W. H. Thompson & Co., manufacturers of surgical instruments.

#### A SECOND FIRE.

A General Alarm Turned In For the Grand Hotel.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 20, 2:30 a. m.—A general alarm at 1:45 a. m. called the fire department to the Grand hotel located one block north of the block destroyed by fire earlier in the night. In fact, the entire department was engaged in suppressing the flames in this district when summoned to the new danger. There were 500 guests in the Grand, but most of them were among the spectators of the earlier fire, and it was not believed any lives were in jeopardy. The fire was not under control without any serious loss.

#### New Orleans Has a Costly Blaze.

New Orleans, Feb. 20.—The top floors of the Mackieka office building, on Canal street, were gutted by fire early Sunday morning. The loss will reach \$150,000. Insurance on the building \$160,000. The building is a modern seven-story office structure costing a quarter of a million dollars.

## ACQUITTAL OF DR. WATSON

End of the Sensational Case at New London, Mo.

Dr. Taylor Jones Watson, Charged With Killing His Wife, Declared Not Guilty by Jury.

New London, Mo., Feb. 20.—Dr. Taylor Jones Watson, charged with the murder of his wife, Amanda, was declared not guilty by the jury.

After the conclusion of the arguments the 12 men in the case were locked in their room, in charge of the bailiff, with instructions to return a verdict as soon after as possible.

As soon as court convened Saturday the jury announced, through the bailiff, that it had reached a verdict.

The news spread rapidly, and by the time the prisoner had been brought in and the 12 jurors had filed into their places, the courtroom was crowded.

There was a breathless silence as the clerk read:

"We, the jury find the defendant, Taylor Jones Watson, NOT GUILTY, as charged in the indictment."

A smile flitted across the calm face of the defendant as he turned and grasped the proffered hand of his counsel, Judge Roy, and later the congratulation of the small circle of friends who have remained loyal to him throughout the proce-ssure.

This was brought to a close one of the most mysterious criminal cases in the history of the state, a case that was at the same time one of the most costly.

Practically all of the evidence on both sides was circumstantial, and thousands of dollars were spent in securing expert physicians, surgeons, toxicologists and bacteriologists to testify. The state contended that Mrs. Watson, the defendant's wife, was poisoned and her body thrown into Salt river from the New London bridge. It introduced expert witnesses who swore to finding poison in the viscera of the dead woman, and who swore that she did not drown. Other experts were as insistent that there was no evidence of poison, and thus a strong element of doubt was injected into the case, which the accused evidently received the benefit of.

### RT. REV. WILLIAM E. McLAREN.

The Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Chicago Passed Away in New York City, Aged 74.

New York, Feb. 20.—Rt. Rev. William E. McLaren, Protestant Episcopal bishop of Chicago, died here Sunday night.

The bishop had been ill for more than a month, during the greater part of which time he was confined to his bed. The members of the bishop's family, with a few friends, were at the bedside when the end came. Besides a widow, the deceased is also survived by one son and a daughter.

Bishop McLaren was born in Geneva, N. Y., in 1831. In 1860 he entered the Presbyterian ministry, and 11 years later embraced the Episcopal faith and was ordained in Detroit, Mich., in 1872. He was consecrated bishop in 1875. Bishop McLaren founded the Western Theological seminary, in Chicago, in 1883, and was the author of many religious works.

### HE SAVED TEN THOUSAND.

A Wealthy Young Farmer, Sued for Breach of Promise, Does the Right Thing.

Bloomington, Ill., Feb. 20.—Willis Mecherle, a wealthy young farmer, and Miss Emma Tompkins, a pretty school-teacher, were married. Miss Tompkins recently sued the groom for breach of promise, asking for \$10,000.

They met agreed to drop the suit and marry. The ceremony was performed at the courthouse.

She claimed that the wedding date had been set three times and that she had purchased as many trousseaus.

### NOT GUILTY, BUT INSANE.

Verdict of the Jury in the Case of Prof. L. I. Gifford, Charged With Murder at Decorah, Ia.

Des Moines, Ia., Feb. 19.—A special from Decorah, Ia., says:

After a trial consuming 17 days, Prof. L. I. Gifford, accused of murder in this place, was pronounced by the jury not guilty but insane. Prof. Gifford killed his neighbor, R. A. Bigelow, on November 3, 1904. He was a prominent educator of Decorah and a leading member of the Methodist church.

#### Chemists' Assistants Strike.

Warsaw, Feb. 19.—The chemists' assistants here have struck, demanding shorter hours and one free day each week. A majority of the other strikers have resumed work, the only important branch still out being the iron workers. The strike has resulted in a considerable general improvement in the condition of the workmen.